



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**  
Takanori SHINOKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2000\_0465A  
Serial No. 09/529,255 : Group Art Unit 1771  
Filed April 11, 2000 : Examiner Jennifer A. Boyd  
SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEMIPERMEABLE **Confirmation No. 5270**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**